

HB 2797: Talking Points

- Oklahoma is facing a \$1 billion deficit in its state budget; focus on priorities! Devastating cuts are proposed for Medicaid coverage, child abuse prevention, mental health, early childhood education, common education and so many other critical programs – focus on those priorities.
- The fiscal impact report documents the program cost nearly \$5 million to implement.
- Current teen pregnancy prevention efforts led by communities and tribes with Federal and foundation support are seeing dramatic results – support what is working!
- The bill could harm or halt successful teen pregnancy prevention efforts led by local communities and tribes, resulting in an increase in teen and unplanned pregnancies.
- Teen pregnancy prevention efforts by OSDH, communities and tribes have brought over \$5 million per year in Federal funding to the state since 2010. These efforts have shown significant success and are saving the state millions of dollars in public expenditures associated with teen pregnancies and too-early, unprepared parenting.
- The bill could harm the ability of the state, communities and tribes to continue to secure major Federal and foundation funding for effective prevention programs.
- Oklahoma has provided no state funding for teen pregnancy prevention for well over a decade.
- This would be yet another unfunded mandate for schools that are already facing severe (draconian) budget cuts.
- This is not wanted, needed nor supported by health, education or youth-serving organizations.

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For county teen birth rates and numbers, go to the Teen Birth indicator in the Health Section/Oklahoma on the KIDS COUNT Data Center and click on “County” for location: <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#OK/2/0/char/0>